

**SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH**  
**24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**September 11, 2022**



There will be  
more joy in heaven  
over one sinner  
who repents than  
over ninety-nine  
righteous people  
who have no need  
of repentance

Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep.



## Week at a Glance

			Intention	Requested By
Monday, September 12	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Carol Grimes Louis Nisivaco Mary Ann Slowick	Donna Kurcz SFX School Community Ellen Cudzik
Tuesday, September 13	Morning Mass	8:30 am	John Wiegand Lawrence Barry	The Bovard & Wiegand Families The Zahorik Family
Wednesday, September 14	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Joanne Kadlubowski	Marilyn Ferber
Thursday, September 15	Rosary Adoration	8:15 am 6:00 pm		
Friday, September 16	Morning Mass	8:30 am	John J. Cronin Marie Westhoff David Zeller	The Hefner Family The Zahorik Family Laura Zeller
Saturday, September 17	Mass	8:30 am	Robert Brosius	Jennifer & Bob Driscoll
	Reconciliation Mass	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Anthony Discipio	Joe Discipio
Sunday, September 18 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass	7:30 am	Ed & Laureen Pietras	The Schumacher Family
	Mass	9:00 am	Bob Schiffler Louis Nisivaco	Jack & Mary Collins The Shanley Family
	Mass	11:00 am	Terry Conwell	The Conwell Family
	Mass	5:00 pm	Mary Attracta Ryan	Gene & Mary Pat Sullivan

### Schedule for September 10-11, 2022~Mass Time

**5:00 pm** Fr. Milek    **7:30 am** Fr. Tkachuk    **9:00 am** Fr. Milek    **11:00 am** Fr. Tkachuk    **5:00 pm** Fr. Ilo

### Please pray for . . .

Linda Bieniek Michael Cannon Jay Carroll Chili Challender Olivia Denson Blake Donegan Victoria Donile Barbara Doyle Matthew Doyle Lily Fielding Lilli Gregory Wilson Gregory John Hronec Rose Ilo Mary J. Jane Jacobsen Theresa Kandall Mark Kiley Lisa Massaro Linda McMahan	Patrick Morgan Mike Morrison James Mose Beth Nelson Gert Ogilvie Jane O'Reilly Ryan Patyk Donna Pekarek Geri Pfluger Madison Raupp Anna Rose Rita Scalcon Richard Schmuhl Santa Sniieg Rita Mae Spearman Barbara Stewart John Stopka John Strougal Olivia Tarsney Liz Wilk
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To add a name to the prayer list for friends and relatives who are sick, please call the rectory at 708-352-0168.

Know that our parish prays daily for the sick and the dying.

### Born Into Eternal Life



Please remember in your prayers, those who have died, as well as their families:

**Virginia Baeze**  
Wife of Roberto

**Joseph Bauman**  
Brother of Ann Marie Gazdziak

**Mary Jane Kowal**  
Kevin, Kristopher, Kyle & Keith

### Weddings



Carmen Hermosin & Eduardo Mateo  
 Kate Mulcahey & Ryan Gartland  
 Eileen Baltazar & Matt Maguire  
 Mckenzie Hathaway & Henry Byrne  
 Grace Flaherty & William Sinnott



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## Pastor's Letter

*The Pharisees and the scribes  
began to complain, saying,  
"This man welcomes sinners  
and eats with them."*

Luke 15:1

In the east transept niche, you will see a copy of a painting that has been there for several months, while a new frame made by a parishioner is treated before installation. Many have asked, "Where did that come from? I have never seen it before." The reproduction Rembrandt's painting depicts the moment when the Prodigal Son is welcomed home by his father and has been in our parish Reconciliation Room for many years. It is perhaps the best known of three parables that Jesus offers in response to the complaints of the scribes and Pharisees in today's gospel. Jesus reveals that the true relationship of God the Father to the sinner is one of loving acceptance.

How often I have heard the person coming to the Sacrament of Reconciliation express their fears that God will not forgive the sin they have come to confess, or that God has not yet forgiven a sin they confessed long ago. Perhaps there are many who avoid the individual celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation for fear that they will encounter God's judgment rather than mercy. Some, when young, may have been led to believe in a God who kept track of their sins and failings and would punish them one day. And, sadly, some encountered a priest in Reconciliation who failed in his ministry to speak words of healing and left the penitent feeling more guilty than loved as they walked away from this Sacrament of spiritual healing.

The message of Jesus is simple. **God loves us. God forgives our sins the very moment we commit them, no matter how serious the sin.** We confess our sins not so that God will forgive us; **we confess our sins to acknowledge our need for, and open our hearts to, the forgiveness that God already has offered us.** God does not hold our sins, past or present, over our heads in condemnation. Our God is the father of the Prodigal Son; a loving parent who waits patiently and expectantly for our return to his embrace. He does not need our prepared

speech, but only the sincerity of our hearts. He does not punish, but rather replaces the dirt and rags of our wayward journey with fine clothing and throws a banquet to celebrate our return.

The parable of the Prodigal Son is not a story of a "single chance" to be forgiven and to begin anew. The father in the parable must know that this younger son is a wanderer and may wander away again. And he will embrace his son however many times his son returns to him and celebrate that return. This story is also a message for those who would judge themselves more worthy of God's love than another. At the end of the parable, the elder son stands out in the cold and dark, his heart hardened by bitterness and resentment. The father pleads for him to join the celebration. The only thing preventing the elder son from experiencing the father's love is the hardness of his own heart. The parable begs us not to stand with him in the cold darkness of a stony heart.

**God loves us. God forgives us right away, no matter what!** Are we willing to be messengers of this good news to others by accepting God's loving forgiveness into our own hearts and allowing God's forgiveness to flow through us to those who are hurting or afraid? Will we come in from the cold and be part of the celebration!

Autumn Peace,

*J. Bill*

### Changes to Sunday Mass Livestream

We will continue to livestream one Mass each weekend for those unable to attend in person. Due to available volunteers to operate the technology to communicate the livestream, this will not always be the Saturday 5PM Mass. **For the remainder of September, we will livestream the Sunday 9AM Mass.** We will use the weekly Constant Contact to announce which Mass we will livestream that weekend. Thank you in advance for your understanding.



## Return of Offertory Baskets

Our parish has been returning to our customary Mass practices over time. Sometimes the gradual return was due to safety. Other times it was due to a need to recruit new volunteer ministers – see the center spread of this bulletin for ministries seeking your talents!

This weekend, **we return to our practice of passing a basket during offertory.** The boxes at the entrances will be removed by the end of this month. **I feel strongly that this practice of stewardship is important for our children to see us do, tangibly and regularly.** For those who give electronically and will therefore not place anything physically in the basket, passing the basket on to the next person is another way to be in communion with those who are seated near us.

God bless you for your gift of treasure to the parish to support so many vital ministries here!

Jennifer Zeisloft, Director of Stewardship and Operations

### **FAQ on Offertory:**

**How did our offertory do last fiscal year?** *SFX Parish met our Sunday, Easter, and Christmas combined budget of \$1.74 million! Alleluia!*

**What's the recommended increase for this year?** *The Finance Council recommended a 5% increase to the pastor. Due to increased expenses such as the addition of the youth minister, regular salaries and benefits, and Elementary School support, this fiscal year's budget is based on a 5% increase and the use of approximately \$170,000 in cash reserves. More on this in our Annual Report, which will come out in November.*

**What was our highest offertory reached in the past 5 years?** *In the year ending June 30, 2019, our offertory totaled \$1.84 million.*

**How do people usually give?** *About half of those who give regularly to the parish give electronically or through various investment vehicles. The other half of those who give regularly use the Sunday offertory envelope.*

**What's the link to sign-up for contributing electronically?** *You can [click here](#) or visit [www.sfxlg.org](http://www.sfxlg.org) and click on Donate. You can also use the QR code found weekly on the inside cover of the bulletin.*

**Have you ever considered a children's offertory program?** *In the upcoming month, Elis Guidice, our Director of Religious Education, will be implementing a children's offertory curriculum into the Elementary School and the School of Religious Education. You will hear more about this in the weeks to come.*

## Parish Open Position: Facility Manager

We are looking to hire a new Facility Manager with the retirement of Frank Roccasalva this fall. The Facility Manager reports directly to the pastor and is an integral member of the parish staff. He or she manages our building operating systems and routine maintenance of all parish facilities. They have oversight of all contractor and purchasing contracts to achieve the smooth operation of the parish's daily logistical requirements. Some examples of duties include:

- Monitor and manage routine/preventative maintenance of the parish buildings, grounds, and equipment, including but not limited to HVAC systems, plumbing, electrical, phone systems, and building security.
- Supervise parish custodian staff and external custodial services for all campus buildings.
- Interact with the Elementary School Principal and Director of Religious Education to enhance the learning environment in the Education Building
- Manage work orders for parish events and group meetings in collaboration with the event group contacts, and direct custodial services to prepare for and work at the events as needed.

Please contact Jennifer Zeisloft, Parish Director of Stewardship and Operations, at [jzeisloft@sfxlg.org](mailto:jzeisloft@sfxlg.org) for more information or to apply.



## Bereavement Ministry at St. Francis Xavier Parish

*"Blessed are those who mourn,  
for they shall be comforted."*  
Matthew 5:4

When a member of the Body of Christ dies,  
we are called to a ministry of consolation.  
The Church calls us to care for the dying,  
to pray for the dead,  
and to comfort those who mourn.

As a people of faith, we believe that God created  
each person for eternal life and that as Christ was  
raised from the dead we too will be raised to glory.

When a death occurs, life,  
for those who live on, changes forever.

The Church recognizes this change  
and offers hope and comfort to those  
who grieve the loss of a loved one.

As Jesus comforted Mary and Martha,  
the parish community can reach out  
to comfort those who mourn.

The Bereavement Ministry under the guidance and  
supervision of Fr. Rich and on behalf of the parish  
will:

- Pray for the members of the parish community who have died and for their families.
- Offer the bereaved family support and guidance as they plan the funeral liturgy.
- Visit the family and friends of the deceased at the wake to offer support and prayer on behalf of their parish community.
- Conduct the wake service if needed or requested by the bereaved family.
- Serve as a greeter, lector or Eucharistic Minister at the funeral liturgy if needed or requested by the family.
- Attend occasional prayer sessions and on-going formation to support the ministry.

On behalf of the entire parish we want to thank the present Members of SFX Bereavement Committee for their service and we invite others to join. If you feel that God is calling you to be part of this ministry, please call the parish office at 708-352-0168.

For those who are interested, training and more information will be provided.

God Bless,  
Fr. Rich

## SFX Hospitality Ministry

Are you looking for a small, simple way to serve and love others? Look no further! St. Francis is expanding our hospitality ministry to make it *even easier* for anyone to jump in and play a part in welcoming others to our community.

Through a newly established sign up on our website, anyone can contribute meaningfully to our culture of hospitality and welcome - on your own schedule and at your own pace! Offer to write a few welcome notes to new parishioners, to greet at one or many Masses, or to attend a New Parishioner Prayer Service.

We are practicing hospitality as a way of life here at St. Francis! Even if you don't have the capacity to sign up for a service spot at this time, just smiling and introducing yourself to someone new this week makes a huge difference in our parish community.

[Click here](#) or visit [sfxlg.org](http://sfxlg.org) - Parish - Ministries/Organizations - Hospitality Team to sign up for a small act!

## Prayer Shawl Ministry



The Prayer Shawl Ministry at St. Francis Xavier began in 2005. Members knit and/or crochet shawls and lap blankets. They work with their hands and the kindness of their hearts to provide comfort and strength to those who need these gifts.

We plan to start meeting again in person. Currently we are a small group and at this time would welcome new members with open arms. New members are required to have basic knitting or crocheting skills.

We are now scheduled for the following:

- Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup>—7:00-8:00 pm at Unity Hall. Committee meeting will include an update, crafting while there, sharing ideas and chit chat.
- Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>—5:00 pm Mass. Blessing and distribution of shawls. Shawl distribution will continue at Sunday masses until all of the shawls and lap blankets are gone.
- Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>—Committee meeting at Unity Hall from 7:00-8:00 pm.

If you have any questions, contact Mary Ellyn Witt at [mewittlagrange@yahoo.com](mailto:mewittlagrange@yahoo.com).





## Seminarian Collection

The second collection will be taken up next weekend for the Seminarians. The collection provides support for the training and education of men studying for priesthood in the Archdiocese of Chicago. The fund helps to cover the cost to educate each archdiocesan seminarian as they proceed through the various stages of formation ordination as a priest of Chicago.

To donate, [Click Here](#), visit our parish website, or place your donation in an envelope marked "Seminary Collection" and drop it off in the rectory mail slot or in a church collection box. Thank you for your generosity.

## What is the difference between QUEST and Youth Ministry?

QUEST is the Confirmation preparation program that teens participate in during the school year leading up to their Confirmation, typically their first year in High School (but other grades are welcome too!). QUEST Groups fall under the direction of Elis Guidice, Director of Religious Education at [sfxreligioused@sfxlg.org](mailto:sfxreligioused@sfxlg.org). These groups are guided by parent volunteers with monthly meetings. QUEST participants are welcome to participate in ANY teen youth ministry activity as long as it doesn't conflict with their QUEST commitments.

Youth Ministry consists of different activities (monthly teen nights, retreats, mission trips, small groups, service opportunities, church league basketball, etc.) and is open to ALL high school-aged parishioners. Jenette Teran, the Coordinator of Youth Ministry, along with many parents and adult volunteers work to provide a variety of opportunities for our youth to grow in their faith, serve the community, and of course have some fun.

More information can be found on the parish website.

# KAIROS 39

SEPTEMBER 29TH TO OCTOBER 2ND



**A retreat for all juniors and seniors from  
St. Francis Xavier, St. John of the Cross, and St. Cletus.**

**Registration for Kairos 39.  
Spots are limited, so be sure to sign up right away!**

**<https://www.stjohnofthecross.org/K39>**

# Faith Formation

Educational, formational, and spiritual growth opportunities for all parishioners

## ***That Man Is You*** **Men's Group**

**Tuesday nights at 8pm  
in Unity Hall  
(beginning Sept 13)**



Gather for social time, an interesting video, and small group discussion about authentic male leadership in faith, family, and the workplace.

**“It was an amazing experience. Better than expected. Really enjoyed getting to know the men in the group and growing in our faith journey together.”**

**“Very positive experience! It was my first participation in a men's group. I was somewhat reluctant but was surprised by interaction and discussion in a very positive way.”**

Interested? Contact [mike.jakubisin@gmail.com](mailto:mike.jakubisin@gmail.com) or [click here](#) to register.



## **SENIOR WOMEN'S GROUP**

Stop! Come and hear Joan  
STOPKA speak!  
**Sept 13 at 9am in Unity Hall**

The Senior Women's Group is pleased to have Joan Stopka as a speaker on Tuesday, September 13, 2022 in Unity Hall immediately following 8:30am Mass. Joan will tell us about her volunteer involvement in one of the ministries of the Sisters of St. Joseph, Taller de José (Joseph's Workshop). Taller was established to place the clients in contact with the resources that they need to help with their daily lives. An additional step, unique to Taller, is that when necessary they accompany the clients to their appointments.

Joan has been a parishioner of St Francis for 51 years. She taught Spanish for 38 years before her retirement from Lyons Township High School. She has been a compañera (companion) at Taller de José for 11 years.

Everyone is welcome to join. It is a time to renew old acquaintances and meet new friends. Light refreshment will be offered.

## **Bless This Home**

*A Workshop for Families*

**Tuesday, September 27  
7pm in Joyce Hall**

We all begin in a family of some kind, whether it looks like the one on the postcard or in a sit-com or otherwise. In fact St. Pope John Paul II calls the family the 'path common to all...it is a path from which man cannot withdraw.' The family is the 'basic cell of society.'

The family is:

- ♦ Linked to the mission of the Church
- ♦ A privileged place of encounter with God
- ♦ The common background to all other life experience

Join us to learn more about cultivating an environment of love, faith, and God's presence in your home and family!

Email [k.f.kanzer@gmail.com](mailto:k.f.kanzer@gmail.com) to register or for more info.



# SFX Liturgy Ministry Fair

September 10 & 11th

Saturday & Sunday after All Masses

We Need Parish Volunteers to Join  
These Essential Liturgical Ministries

**Mass Greeters**

**Music Ministry**

**Ushers**

**Arts & Environment**

**Eucharistic Ministers**

**Liturgy Team**

**Bereavement Ministry**

**Lectors**

**Wedding Ministry**

**Altar Ministry**

Call the Parish Office for further information: 708.352.0168

Please Stop by our tables in the Courtyard between the  
school and the church to meet our Ministry Reps!  
Refreshments will be served!

**When Volunteers Contribute  
Our Parish Grows & Flourishes!**

**We are Grateful for All who Show God's Love in Action Every Day!**



**Altar Ministry – Contact: Bernadette McMahon [bbcmahon@comcast.net](mailto:bbcmahon@comcast.net)/312.315.7769**

Cares for altar linens (purificators, altar cloths) and does a light church cleaning each week.

*Volunteer Time Commitment:* 1 week out of a month if we get enough volunteers.

**Art & Environment – Contact: Celine Heraty [cmheraty@gmail.com](mailto:cmheraty@gmail.com)**

Is responsible for creating a welcoming worship space that allows our Parish families to experience the Liturgy in a beautiful and prayerful setting. We are the group that transforms the church for each liturgical season from Advent to Easter and beyond. The time commitment varies from season to season and is flexible for each volunteer depending on their schedules. We welcome anyone who has ideas & the time to give to this important Ministry.

**Note: I am looking for a Volunteer to Co-Chair-Partner with me to oversee and grow this Ministry. Please reach out directly to me with any questions. Celine**

**Bereavement Ministry -- Contact: Rev. Rich Milek [rmilek@sfxlg.org](mailto:rmilek@sfxlg.org) or [sfxinlg@sfxlg.org](mailto:sfxinlg@sfxlg.org)**

Is made up of generous and caring men and women who have made the commitment to accompany their fellow parishioners through the journey of grief. More details will be given in training sessions.

**Eucharistic Ministers – Contact: George Rutkowski [grutkowski@aol.com](mailto:grutkowski@aol.com)**

Is made of people who assist the priests in distributing the Eucharist at Mass. High School age and above. Training will be provided.

**Lectors – Contact : Susie Lehuta [lehutams@gmail.com](mailto:lehutams@gmail.com)**

Read the scripture selections for the weekend liturgies. (High School age and above)

*Volunteer Time Commitment:* Scheduled based on the need and availability at the mass times you select. As often as you are able. One time training session is required.

**Liturgy Teams – Contact: Bernadette McMahon [bbcmahon@comcast.net](mailto:bbcmahon@comcast.net)/312-315-7769**

Six teams of 4-6 parishioners do seasonal and weekly liturgy planning. Our focus is on practical, real-life applications of scripture. Teams meet to reflect on the scriptures for assigned Sundays. Based on that reflection, notes are written for homilists' consideration, prayers are selected/written, general intercessions are written, and an ordo form is submitted.

*Volunteer Time Commitment* is about 1-2 hours per month with the group. Groups meet in person and via Zoom depending on the group.

**Livestream – Contact: Jennifer Zeisloft [jzeisloft@sfxlg.org](mailto:jzeisloft@sfxlg.org)/708-352-0168**

If you feel comfortable with a computer, this ministry is for you! Simply set up the software application on our computer in Unity Hall about 15 minutes before Mass begins, and terminate the livestream at the end of Mass. Our preference is to livestream the Saturday 5pm liturgy to parishioners who cannot make it to church, but other services are occasionally needed.

**Mass Greeters – Contact: Mary Joscelyn [marytjos@sbcglobal.net](mailto:marytjos@sbcglobal.net)**

Greeters are some of the first people to welcome parishioners and visitors to our weekend liturgies. It is a ministry of hospitality. Greeters arrive 15-20 minutes before mass and serve as their schedules allow.

**Music Ministry – Contact: Allen Sterwalt [asterwalt@sfxlg.org](mailto:asterwalt@sfxlg.org)/708-352-0168**

Singers and instrumentalists of all ages come together to worship the Lord through music. It's a hands-on desire for spiritual growth through community that brings people to this special ministry. We sing with one another and with the parish community in hopes that the Holy Spirit may be found and heard in each one of us. There are numerous opportunities for people of all ages to serve: Cantors, Celebration Ensemble, Gallery Choir, Men's Schola, Resurrection Choir, Spirit Choir, Cherub Choir, SF Choristers, and Instrumentalists.

**Ushers – Contact: Mike Hattie [michaelhattie@sbcglobal.net](mailto:michaelhattie@sbcglobal.net) 708.207.2780**

Ushers help people find seats, ask people to help with the procession of gifts, start the collection basket, start the communion lines, assist people with disabilities, help distribute bulletins, and help make St. Francis Xavier a friendly and welcoming place.

**Wedding Ministry – Contact: Sue Baker [grandbaker30@gmail.com](mailto:grandbaker30@gmail.com)**

We serve in teams of two, assisting at wedding ceremonies, arriving one hour prior to the scheduled start time. Duties range from answering questions to helping with last minute details. We assist various

## Religious Education News



**School is around the corner and so are Religious Education Classes!  
Register NOW for K – 8 Religious Education 2022-2023, Don't Delay!  
Classes are filling up fast!**

The School of Religious Education is accepting registration for the 2022-2023 school year.

The 2022-2023 program will offer families two options.

We will offer an in person bi-monthly grade level program held on Wednesday afternoons or Sunday mornings (family preference) and we will offer a virtual asynchronous grade level program with lessons being released bi-monthly on Sundays.

Students enrolled in the in person or online program will receive their own book to take home to work on.

Visit our website for complete information on registration and tuition:

<https://sfxlg.socs.net/vnews/display.v/SEC/Religious%20Education%7CAbout%3E%3ERegistration%20Information%20for%202022-2023>



### **Your Gift and Talent needs to be shared!**

Are you ready to share your faith with the youth of our parish?! WE NEED YOU! You don't need training as a teacher, you just need a love for Jesus! Catechesis will be offered both online and in person this year by grade level bi-monthly, so I am looking for many volunteers to step forward to join in this new journey. Please contact me if you are interested in becoming a catechist or catechist assistant for the 2022-2023 school year at [equidice@sfxlg.org](mailto:equidice@sfxlg.org).

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Year of Confirmation – Quest Registration**

Quest Group Monthly Gatherings will be once a month where we will gather with the entire Confirmation group and then break out into small groups. These gatherings will be held at the parish in Joyce Hall. They provide opportunities for relationship building, discussion on issues facing teens, service opportunities, growth in the understanding of scripture, and fun.

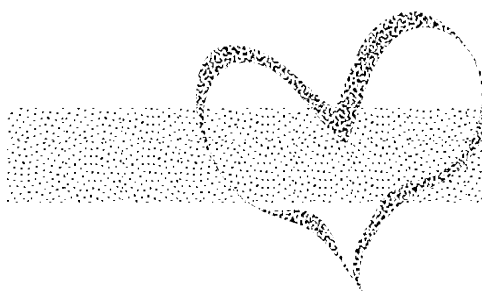
If your child has completed the 2021-2022 8th grade school year and is ready to sign up for their final year of Confirmation Prep please fill out the attached Google Form and make the payment below. If you have a child who completed 8<sup>th</sup> grade Day School or RE prior to last year they can also register for this year's Quest Program.

\*Please note, your child is not yet registered until form is filled out and payment is made.\*

Register for 2nd Year Quest Confirmation: [Click Here](#)

To make a Quest Confirmation payment online: [Click Here](#)

If you have questions please contact Elis Guidice at 708-352-4555 or [sfxreligioused@sfxlg.org](mailto:sfxreligioused@sfxlg.org).



**GOD will not spurn a heart  
that is contrite and humble**



# SFX ANNUAL GOLF OUTING 2022

**\$200**  
per golfer

Price includes  
grab-n-go lunch, range balls,  
golf and a buffet dinner.

Optional VIP Package.

Each golfer will receive an  
SFX Golf Outing Swag Bag!

The SFX  
Championship  
is back!

**FRIDAY**  
September 16th

**11:30 AM CHECK-IN**

**GRAB-N-GO LUNCH**

**1:00 PM SHOTGUN START**

**DINNER, AWARDS & RAFFLE TO FOLLOW**

No in person registration on the day of the event.  
All registration payments due two days prior to the event.  
All necessary guidelines will be followed for the  
safety of the golfers and the course.

Please join us  
for our annual raffle,  
closest to the pin,  
longest drive contests,  
and much more!

Event sponsorships are  
available on Give Central.

Please use the  
SFX Golf Outing Link  
below to register for any  
golf package plus  
purchase raffle tickets  
or event sponsorships.

**CLICK HERE TO REGISTER AT: [SFXGOLFOUTING.COM](https://sfxgolfouting.com)**

Old Oak Country Club, 14200 Parker Rd., Homer Glen, IL 60491

Any questions? Email Lindsey & JB Mackenzie at [sfxgolfchairs@gmail.com](mailto:sfxgolfchairs@gmail.com)

**FIND YOUR FORESOME!**



## PEACE & JUSTICE MINISTRY: SAVE THE DATES!

**9/21/22, 7:00-9:00pm:** We will gather together in the Rectory Courtyard Room (124 North Spring) to brainstorm ideas for the year as well as hear an anti-racism presentation by Maureen Wierema entitled "Challenge Accepted".

Information about Exodus World Service programs to welcome refugees to the Chicagoland area will also be provided.

**9/28/22, 7:00-8:30pm:** Book Discussion led by Maureen Windmoeller in Unity Hall (124 North Spring) building that connects Church and Education Building accessible by church and school parking lots.) Light refreshments will be served.



***The Sum of Us: What Racism Costs Everyone and How We Can Prosper Together*** tells the story of how America arrived at this current moment: "divided and self-destructing, materially rich but spiritually starved and vastly unequal." Author Heather McGhee "paint(s) an irrefutable story of racism's costs, but at the heart of the book are the humble stories of people yearning to be part of a better America, including white supremacy's collateral victims: white people themselves." A New York Times bestseller for 10 weeks, ***The Sum of Us*** explains how we developed a "zero sum" perspective that prevents us from seeing how we can further our economic interests by working together. The Chicago Tribune said, 'Required reading to move the country forward...', and it was a TIME Magazine Must-Read Book of 2021.

**Peace & Justice Ministry Mission:** To carry out the teachings of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount. To work for peace and justice in our community, the world and on behalf of all creation. To involve the parish and broader community in this mission. To create awareness through education, dialogue, and action.

P&J is looking forward to in-person gatherings in the coming year. **ALL ARE WELCOME!** Please contact Mary Freeman, Director of Community Outreach at [mfreeman@sfxlg.org](mailto:mfreeman@sfxlg.org) or 708-352-0168 to be added to our email distribution.

***If you want peace, work for justice*** Pope Paul VI

## Interfaith Career Network

### Learn from Professional Recruiting Experts

Join ICN on Thursday, September 15 from 7:00-9:00pm. This evening will be a job seekers dream come true. We will tap into the knowledge and experience of a panel of professional recruiters. Together, they will cover topics including:

- the job market today
- what recruiters look for in qualifying resumes and candidates
- interviewing along with an open Q&A

Learn how to accelerate your job search from the experts! We look forward to seeing you at Saint John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 Wolf Road, in Western Springs. Everyone is welcome and there is no cost to attend.

Visit <http://www.interfaithcareernetwork> for additional resources.

## St. Francis Family Outreach Ministry

Join St. Francis Family Outreach Ministry as we prepare and serve a hot meal to the needy at the First Congressional Church's Saturday Meals Program on Saturday, September 17. There are two time slots from which to choose:

10:00-11:30am: Food prep and cooking; 11:30am-1:00pm: Food serving and clean up. If September doesn't work for you, we will return to Saturday Meals Program every other month through May 2023, so hope you can find a date and time that works!

Volunteers must be vaccinated & at least 16 years old or 13 years old if accompanied by an adult.

Can't make any of our dates? Saturday Meals Program happens every Saturday and coordinator JoAnne Konkell would love to have you.

Please contact [volunteercoordinator@fclg.org](mailto:volunteercoordinator@fclg.org) to schedule or to sign up please go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0445A5A62DAA8-saturday>.



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- **Staff Sgt. Nolan Kemna, USMC**—nephew of John & Linda Hill
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and please let us know when friends and loved ones  
return from their deployment Overseas.  
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# St. Francis Xavier Personnel

## Pastoral Ministry

Pastor  
Associate Pastor  
Deacon  
Deacon  
Pastoral Associate  
Director of Community Outreach  
Retired Weekend Sacramental Minister  
Retired Weekday Sacramental Minister  
Weekend Sacramental Minister

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Rev. Richard Milek  
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Director of Religious Education  
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## **Rectory Hours**

Monday-Friday.....8:30 am-5:00 pm  
Saturday.....9:00 am-12:00 pm

## **Weekday Masses at St. Francis Xavier Church**

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 8:30 am

## **Rosary at St. Francis Xavier Church**

Thursday 8:15 am

**Adoration** of the Blessed Sacrament every 3rd Thursday 6:00-7:00 pm

## **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday morning.....9:00-10:00 am  
The Reconciliation room is located off the walkway behind the tabernacle prayer area.

## **Private Prayer at Neighboring Churches**

**St. Cletus** (Monday - Friday).....9:00 am-12:00 pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesdays at St. Cletus

**St. John of the Cross** (Monday - Saturday).....8:00 -10:00 am

## **Bulletin Deadline**

The deadline for submitting all bulletin articles is 9:00 am on the Monday preceding the Sunday of publication. If a holiday falls on a Monday, articles are due by 12:00 Noon on the previous Thursday. Please email all articles to the bulletineditor@sfxlg.org.

## **Domestic Violence Resources**

Family Shelter Services—24 hr. counseling 630-469-5650  
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## **Food Pantry**

The St. Francis Food Pantry is open every Tuesday from 10:00 to 11:30 am. The pantry serves clients who live in the 60525 and 60526 zip codes. Donation drop off Mondays 9:00 am-Noon at South door of rectory.

## **Home or Hospital Visitation & Communion Calls**

If you would like a priest or Minister of Care to visit, please contact the Parish Office directly. In the case of hospitalization, specifically request that the hospital contact the parish. Hospitals do not routinely inform churches of admissions due to Privacy Laws.

## **Infant Baptisms**

Please call the Parish Office to schedule your child's baptism or email Missy Westerhoff at sfxinlg@sfxlg.org to schedule a date.

## **Marriage**

Please call the rectory office at the time of your engagement to schedule your wedding. We ask that you are a registered parishioner for 6 months before requesting your wedding date. Saturday wedding times are 1:00 and 3:00 pm. Rehearsals are usually scheduled on Friday evening. We do not schedule weddings during Lent.

## **Parish Counselor**

**At this time, our counseling sessions will be virtual/online.**

All counseling services are confidential and respectful. If you are curious about self-exploration, need help managing your mood and anxiety, long for a quiet and safe space, or feel the need to recalibrate, consider making an appointment, with our parish counselor, Georgina Lopez, from the Claret Center (Georgina is also bilingual in English and Spanish. She can be reached by phone 323-487-2359 or email glopez.claret@gmail.com.



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